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Mr. David Miller Division Administrator FederalHighway Administration P.O. Box 21648 Juneau, Alaska 99802- 1648

RE: 2001- 2003 Statewide Transportation Improvements Program (STIP) Amendment #3

Dear Mr. Miller:

The following minor amendment which requires FHWA approval, is submitted for your consideration

The ADOT&PF proposes to amend the STIP to include Fairbanks Transit Incentive Program - \$175,000. This project is modeled after an Anchorage project to encourage transit ridership and decrease automobile travel during the winter. As you know, the air quality standard is more likely to be exceeded during heat inversions in the winter

Addition of this project does not require an Air Quality Conformity Determination an Environmental Impact Statement or an Environmental Assessment, nor does it change the environmental requirements of any other projects.

The STIP remains fiscally constrained because the existing Fairbanks BAR-97 project is being reduced by about \$200,000,

The State certifies that all applicable provisions of the following laws have been met.

- 23 USC 135 and Section 8 of the Federal Transit Act,
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,

- Particon 1 101(b) of TEA-2 1 relating to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in FHWA and FTA funded projects,
- Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act,
- Provisions of 49 CFR part 20 regarding restrictions on influencing certain Federal Activities, and
- Section 174 and 176 of tie Clean Water Act.

In addition, the State certifies that: the following requirements have been met:

- That the STIP has been developed with public involvement as required by Section 450.212 of the Statewide Planning Regulations,
- That the STIP contains only projects consistent with the Alaska Statewide Transportation Plan (Vision: 2020),
- That in nonattainment areas, the STIP contains only transportation projects found to conform, or from projects that conform, to the requirements contained in 40 CFR part 51,
- That the STIP is fiscally constrained by year,
- That the STIP contains a list of priority projects to be carried out in the first three years of the STIP,
- That the STIP meets the requirements of 23 CFR 216, and
- That the existing transportation system is being adequately maintained and operated.

With respect to the certifications mentioned and any corrections you may suggest we request *your* approval of the amended 2001-2003 Alaska Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

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Sincerely,

Joseph II. Perkins, P.E

Commissioner

Approval

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Date

Tom Brigham, Director, Division of Statewide Planning